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The pattern is tied with;

1. 210 denier olive or brown thread.
2. Bead chain tied at bottom of bend on hook. This allows it to sink and remain with the hook facing up.
3. Krystal flash tied from front to back and over eyes extended out from either end of hook(About 6 strands).
4. Lead wrapped about 2/3 the length of the hook.
5. Two small feathers of choice tied in for the claws. Tied carefully so that they stick out to the sides.
6. Dubbed in rabbit dubbing for undersides, usually a creamy, light olive or rusty orange color depends.
7. Body is wrapped with one olive rooster saddle hackle. Back to front. (From the eyes to the hook eye). Just like a bugger just tied in opposite direction.
8. Light olive furry foam for back, remember pattern is tied with hook facing up. The backing also pushes the olive hackle down for the appearance of downward pointing legs.
9. For the tail I usually just use the same color and type feather that was used for the claws. After the tail is tied in I give it the old finishing knot and that's it.

I then take it out of the vice and trim the claws and a few other things.